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## **Council President Ervin to Host July 8 Public Forum on Takoma/ Langley Plan**

No Boundaries Forum at Piney Branch Elementary Will Seek Input, Answer Questions About Future Development in Area That Spans Montgomery, Prince George's Counties

ROCKVILLE, Md., July 6, 2011—Montgomery County Council President Valerie Ervin will host a public forum at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 8, at Piney Branch Elementary School that will seek input and answer questions about the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Sector Plan. The forum in Takoma Park will address plans for the area that spans Montgomery and Prince George's counties, as well as the City of Takoma Park.

The residents of the Takoma/Langley Crossroads know no boundaries. County Council President Ervin organized this multi-jurisdictional public meeting to bring together decision-makers from Montgomery and Prince George's counties, as well as property owners, tenants, businesses, advocacy groups, planners and other stakeholders. The intent of the forum is to engage the community in a meaningful dialogue that will lead to future meetings and tangible outcomes among these groups.

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The Montgomery County Council's Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee has been holding worksessions on various aspects of the Takoma/Langley Sector Plan. In addition to the many issues that come with addressing the short-term and long-term redevelopment of the community, the plan is complex because it involves two counties, a municipality, the planned future Purple Line extension, a transit center and many existing commercial and residential properties.

The plan will likely come before the full Montgomery County Council in late summer or early fall.

"Both Montgomery and Prince George's have much at stake, and it is our collective job to ensure the successful future for the entire community in the Takoma/Langley area," said Council President Ervin.

The "No Boundaries" forum will include opening remarks from Council President Ervin and Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker. The forum will be held in the all-purpose room of Piney Branch Elementary School, located at 7510 Maple Avenue in Takoma Park.

At the forum, an overview will be presented on the Friends of White Flint, a public-private partnership used for the White Flint Sector Plan in North Bethesda. That plan was approved by the County Council last year.

"While the White Flint Sector Plan is different from the Takoma/Langley Sector Plan, this partnership is an effective model for outreach and community action, and can be replicated elsewhere," said Council President Ervin. "We can learn a great deal from their experience."

Representatives of the White Flint Partnership, Evan Goldman of Federal Realty Investment Trust, Dan Hoffman of the Randolph Civic Association and Francine Waters of Lerner Enterprises are among those scheduled to talk about the White Flint process.

The bulk of the morning's agenda will be a facilitated discussion among attendees on multi-jurisdictional issues, centered on the following themes: *Culture, Ecology, Economy, Food, Health, Infrastructure, and Knowledge*.

The event will last approximately three hours. Language interpretation services will be available in Spanish and French.

For more information on the forum, call 240-777-7960 or e-mail [councilmember.ervin@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:councilmember.ervin@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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